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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/655,394	Applicant(s) GOTO ET AL.	
	Examiner M. Lee	Art Unit 2622	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2006.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 7-17 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 9,12,14,15 and 17 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,8,10,11,13 and 16 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 13 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yanagihara (5,835,668).

Regarding claim 1, Yanagihara shows a time stamp detector (4,5,204), a time stamp adding unit (12,209), and a transmission unit (13,210).

Regarding claims 8, 10, 11, 13, in addition of above, Yanagihara further shows a flag for indicating the availability of the reference time stamp (see Figure 1c).

Regarding claim 16, Yanagihara further shows a reception unit (221-224), and a time stamp detector (232).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, and 17 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 1/30/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In considering applicant's argument that Yanagihara adds the replacement stamp PCR to the alleged transport packet, rather than the stamp received from the alleged broadcast station as embodied by the corresponding claims, and Yanagihara relies on a PLL circuit 5, whereas the present invention can eliminate the use of a PLL circuit, the examiner disagrees. Applicant is correct that Yanagihara employs a PLL circuit for recovering the captured PCR data; however, the recovered PCR data is the same as the captured PCR data under certain situations. As a result, Yanagihara meets the claimed invention because the PLL circuit has not changed the captured PCR data. For example, when the captured PCR data from PCR capture means 4 and the recovered PCR data from multiplying circuit 8 are the same, the output from subtracted 9 is zero, which means the PCR data outputted from the multiplying circuit 8 will not be changed and the PCR restamping means 12 will stamp the same PCR data as captured by PCR capture means 4. Clearly, under this situation, Yanagihara meets the broadly claimed invention.

Yanagihara further shows a restamping means, which performs exactly as claimed. In Figure 10, Yanagihara shows a sync detection means 532 for detecting a sync byte, a latch means 533 for latch the detected sync byte, and a time stamping means 538 for reinserted the latched sync byte. The sync byte in this case could be the PCR data. Clearly, Figure 10 of Yanagihara also meets the claimed invention.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

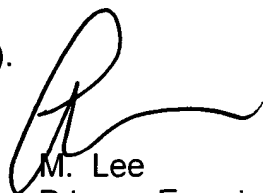
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Lee whose telephone number 571-272-7349. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 9 to 6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David L. Ometz, can be reached on 571-272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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